

I'm here today to discuss legalization.

Who am I? I came into the program after cannabis was legalized for medical purposes. I wasn't a user. My doctor mentioned it. I went to a neurologist to recommend it. It was sent to the state who approved it. & then I was arrested for legally acquiring it.

After Years of the prosecution destroying me in court, my case was dismissed as a violation of the 5th 6th & 14th amendment to the us constitution, As well as a violation of the 1st amendment of the state constitution. So why is this important?

Because prohibition within this state is no better than modern day segregation. When you group a bunch of individuals into a classification, whoever has any type of opinions begins discriminating against the said group. Even after my court case was dismissed, officers followed me everywhere I went. They would park behind me on private property. One officer even pulled me out of my vehicle, threw me in the back of a cop car and told me he can arrest me for selling cannabis even though I wasn't selling. I was discriminated against in any way possible just like many other people. People are scared to become patients. Their job, their family. No matter what, there is always discrimination.

"No State shall deprive any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Although I was forced to stop reinstating my medical card, I am still a patient. I have every right to enter that dispensary without the fear of discrimination. The same goes for every individual within our state.

Massachusetts already abided by the 14th amendment and opened their doors to the public. It's time for the constitution state to do the same.

No matter the excuse is.

The Constitution was written. Democracy has spoken. Listen to your Constituents.

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